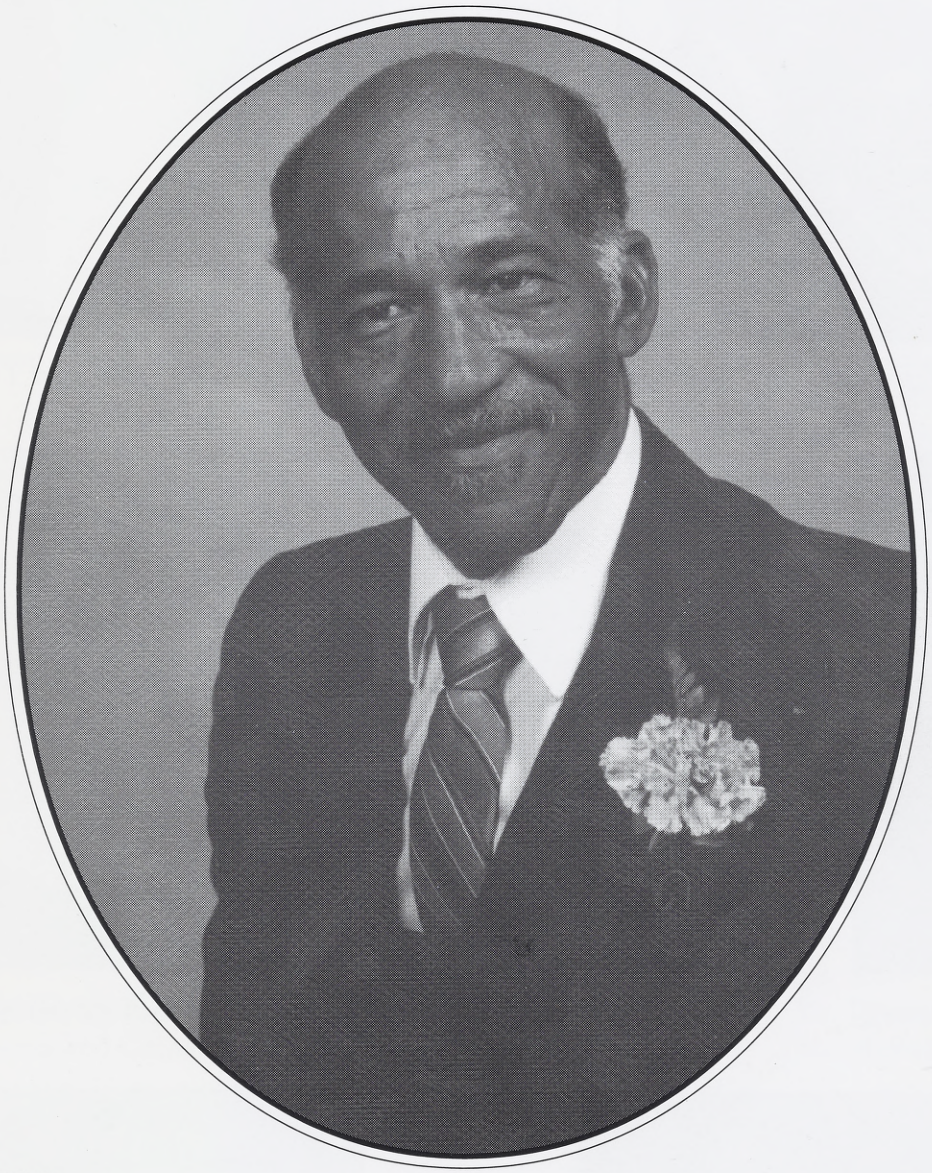
Homegoing Celebration

Howard Theodore Gill Sr.



Sunrise:
August 13, 1932

Sunset:
July 2, 1999

Friday, July 9, 1999, 11:00 A.M.

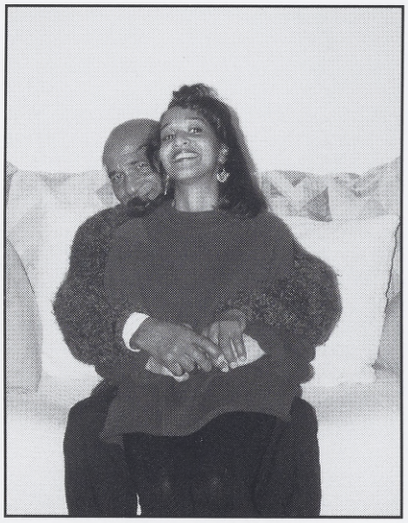
New Sweet Home Church of God in Christ
2170 Capitol Avenue
East Palo Alto, California

Bishop J. W. Macklin, Officiating

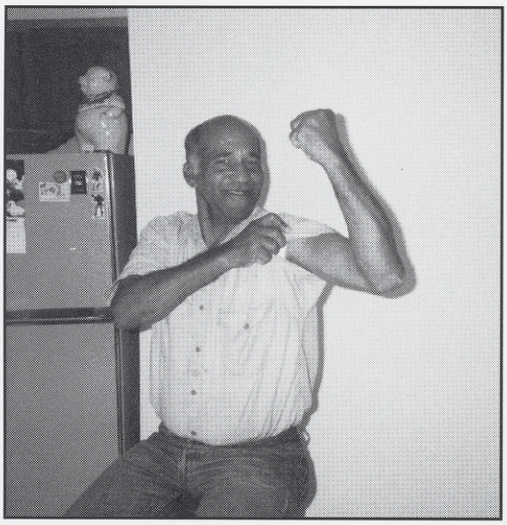
Young and in Love!

"A Love That Endured The Test of Time"

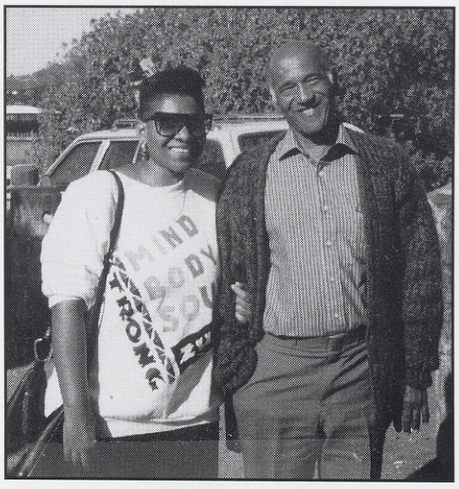
Another Anniversary Celebration



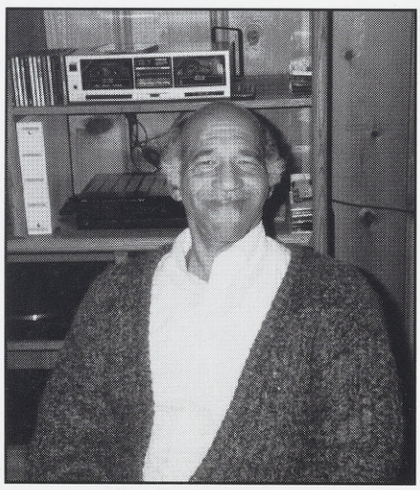
Daddy "The Spoiler"



Always Showing Off



Pops & Janice



Up To No Good!

Celebration Service

Officiating

Bishop J.W. Macklin

Organ Prelude:	"Blessed Assurance"	Derrick Hall
Processional:		The Family
Prayer of Comfort and Praise:		
Old Testament Scripture:	Psalm 34:1-8	
New Testament Scripture:	II Timothy 4:5-8	
Praise & Worship:		Family & Friends
Expressions from Macedonia Family:	2 minutes	Deacon Ray Kelly Mother Wethington Miss'y J. Swindell
Selection:		Sweet Home Choir
Expressions:	2 minutes	Dist. Miss. L. Barker Miss'y H. Macklin
Expressions:	2 minutes	Supt. A.C. Macklin Elder Dennis Swindell Pastor Yvette Flunder
Expressions from Family & Friends:	2 minutes	
Requested Solo:	"No One Ever Cared For Me"	Pastor Joe Nobles
Resolution: Remembering Howard T. Gill Sr: Acknowledgments and Condolences:		Sis. Shirley Morton Sis. Theressa Macklin Sis. Michelle Johnson
Requested Selection:	"The Potter"	Miss'y Ruth Langston Pastor Yvette Flunder
Eulogy:		**Rev. Alvin Swindell** *Pastor, Macedonia COGIC* *San Mateo, California*
"A Glimpse Until Glory":		Jones Mortuary
Recessional:		Family & Friends

Interment

Skylawn Memorial Park
San Mateo, California

Remembering Howard T. Gill Sr.

On August 13,1932, a hurricane hit Houston Texas. On that same night, another stormy event occurred. Howard Theodore Gill was the fifth child born to Adolphus and Nettie Gill. Aunt Huelene, who also happened to be a mid-wife, was so moved by this beautiful addition in the midst of such a frightful night, that she nicknamed him "Stormy."

At an early age, the Gill family moved to Phoenix, Arizona and finally settled in California. Howard had now acquired a new nickname, "Teedy," from his sister Bernice, and as an adolescent, Teedy was famous for playing practical jokes on his siblings especially the younger ones. On the other hand, his fear of the dark was a sure way for his siblings to keep him in check. Howard's vibrant and contagious personality affected everyone who came in contact with him. Once you met him, you could never forget him. His innate charm and charisma followed him through his teenage years at Delano High School and into his adult life.

In the early 1950's the family moved to the Bay Area and joined Macedonia Church of God In Christ in San Mateo. Howard had already accepted his call into the ministry and began working in the youth department. In 1952, he fell in love with the pastor's daughter, Annie Loretha Shaw, and although he was smitten by her charm and beauty, she wasn't as impressed with him or his "pretty boy looks." As fate would have it, the United States Army interrupted his plans of courtship, and he left for basic training, and was later stationed in Ulm Germany. As a Private First Class, he served as a medic and had the opportunity to travel and explore other parts of Europe. He also found time to write letters to Annie in hopes of wooing her and winning her heart. After returning home in 1954, Howard proposed to Ann and they were married October 1,1955.

Howard and Ann were both very active at Macedonia. Coming from an extremely musical family, Howard decided to join the choir. But after realizing he was somewhat challenged in the vocal arena, and the choir had difficulty following his directing, his best contribution to the choir was playing the organ.

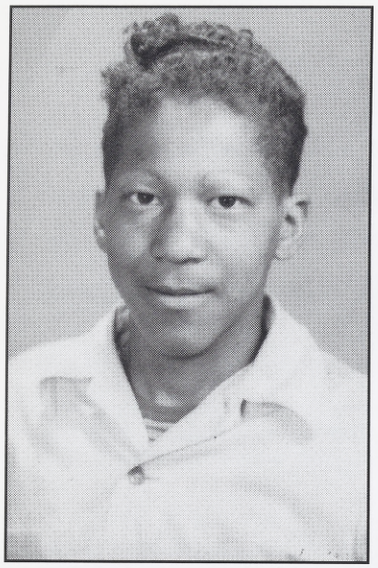
In 1957, Howard and Ann began their family. Born to this union were Patrisha, Brenda, Howard Jr., Bruce and Robbie. Howard loved his family and enjoyed planning unusual vacations for them. His love for the ocean and nature was so significant he desired his family to experience all that God created. One of his greatest joys was fishing and he was in good company with his dad, "Pop Gill", his brothers, and many of the saints.

Howard was also known for his "bar-b-que." For church dinners, summer holidays, family and friends, Howard's "Que" was the ticket.

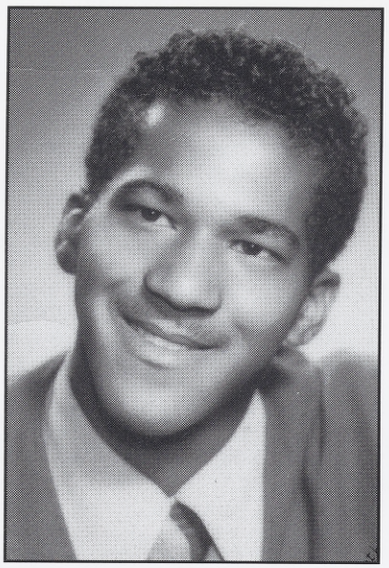
Howard Sr. was not your everyday corporate 9 to 5 kind of guy. Taking orders was not his style; giving orders was his specialty and he set out to provide for his family by establishing his own painting business. As his business grew, his reputation as a hard- worker and excellent painter provided many opportunities for work all over California and especially churches in the Bay Area.

In 1990, Howard was ordained and accepted the position as Assistant Pastor at Macedonia. He worked side by side with Pastor A. Swindell until his health prevented him from active participation. His unrelenting courage during a four- year battle with strokes reflects how he met all of life's challenges - "he fought a good fight, he kept the faith, and he finished his course." Elder Howard Gill spent his final day on this earth surrounded by the love of his family, and he quietly and peacefully took flight at 1:20 am on July 2, 1999.

To celebrate his life, he leaves his faithful and devoted wife, Ann, his children, Patrisha Gill, Brenda and Eric Brown, Howard Gill Jr., Joyce Johnson, Bruce Gill, Robbie Gill, and Janice Steele, whom he affectionately called "his other daughter." His sisters and brothers, Dorothy Leatherbury, Julius & Estelle Gill, Bernice & Samuel Cameron, Nettie & Louis Debbs Sr., Martha Gill, Donald & Marci Gill, Alice Gill, Emma & Rauly Jacobs, and Barbara Gill. His parents, Adolphus Gill Sr., and Nettie Gill; two brothers, Adolphus Gill Jr., and Valerie Gill preceded him in death. Five grandsons, Dejón Gill, Nicholas Brown, Howard Theodore Gill III, Nathaniel Gill, Christopher Brown, and a host of relatives including nephews, nieces, cousins and many dear friends.

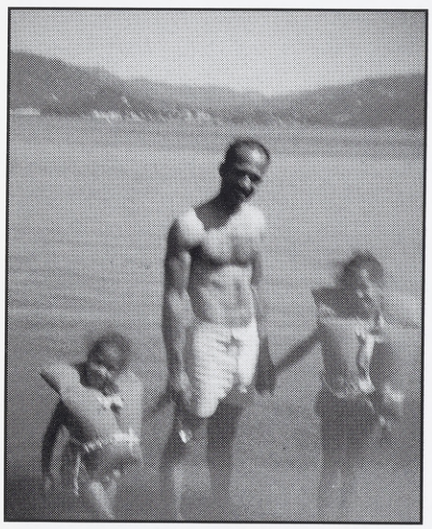


Teedy - "The Rough Years"



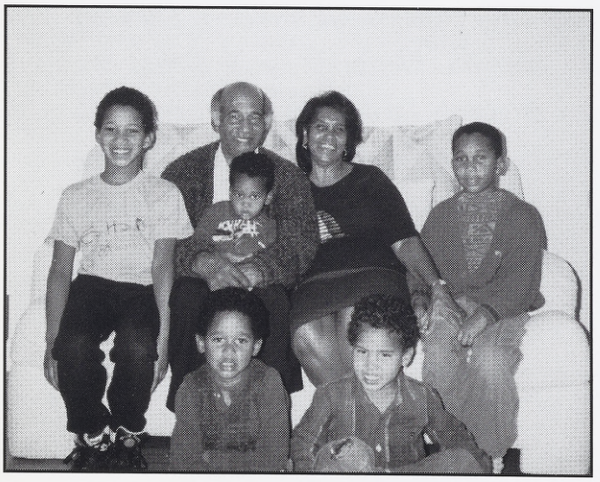
"Pretty Boy"

"Be....All That You Can Be."



Daddy's Little Girls

"My Three Sons"



"Little Generations of H. T.'s"
Grandsons

The Boy's Just Hanging Out!

Messages to Howard . . . .

To My Beloved Husband:
God joined us together. Thank you for beautiful memories and for our beautiful children. We are separated now, but only for a while; for WE WILL see each other again.
Ann

Daddy, Thank you for teaching me how to be a good cook. I can bar-b-que just like you, but the sauce will be our secret.
Love, Your Baby Girl, Brenda.

Teedy, The love and the closeness that we share will always live on.
Love Your Sis, Nettie.

Papa, We'll miss playing"pick-up-sticks' and putting together jigsaw puzzles with you.
We'll also miss the fishing trips. You always found time for your grandkids.
We'll love you forever. **Dejón, Theo & Nate.**

I'll never forget the first time I met you, over nine years ago. A few weeks later, you introduced me as your "other daughter." I'll always be your other daughter & you will always be my Papa Gill.
Always, Janice.

Through your strength I'm made strong.
Howard Jr.

I'm going to miss your funny stories and your hardy laughter.
Your Sis, Emma.

Thanks for bringing music into my life. You are my greatest inspiration. I Love You,
Patrisha.

Thanks for being a wonderful father-in-law. When I look at the deck that you helped me build,
I'll always think you.
Your Favorite Son-in Law, Eric.

Papa Gill, We love you and will miss you. Thanks for your BBQ's, and fishing.trips.
See you inHeaven!
We Love You, Nicholas & Christopher.

I'll miss going fishing with you. I'll love you forever. **Dejón.**

Teedy, I love you for all of the crazy things we did together and your wonderful sense of humor.
Your Sis, "Neece" (Bernice)

Dad, Thank you for showing me two things: . . .The meaning of hard work and integrity.
P.S. I will always keep fishing in the family. **Love Bruce.**

Life and holidays won't be the same without you!
Love Joyce

I brought the car around to the front, and now, You are Home.
Your baby son, Robbie.

Pallbearers

Louis Debbs Jr.
Todd Gill
Kenneth Debbs
Frobie Ernest
Kirk Gill
Eric Boliver

Honorary Pallbearers

Julius Gill
Louis Debbs Sr.
Bob Henderson
Nathaniel Jacobs
Donald Gill
Frobie Ernest Sr.
Wendell Gill
Justin Price

Special Thanks from Ann and Children

To Pastor Swindell and the Macedonia Church family: Thank you for your undying love and support throughout Howard's illness.

To our Gill Family:
Thanks for being the strong and loving family you have always been.

Acknowledgment

The Family of the late Howard Theodore Gill Sr., wish to express our gratitude for the outpouring of love, prayer and support we've received during our time of bereavement.

Funeral Arrangements

Jones Mortuary
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